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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION IN PRODUCTION COST OF LPG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made to reduce the production and distribution costs of LPG; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): Oil refining is a continuous process and the cost of refining of individual petroleum products is not worked out separately because all products are produced together. The steps taken by the public sector refineries to control the production cost of petroleum products, including LPG, include technical audit for control of chemicals and catalysts consumption, thrust on energy conservation and reduction in hydrocarbon losses, adherence to preventive and predictive maintenance schedule to achieve the optimum maintenance costs, control of overhead expenditure, etc.

The efforts made to control the distribution costs of LPG include optimisation of bulk movement from source to bottling plant, optimisation of packed LPG movement i.e. from bottling plant to distributor, enhanced utilization of LPG tank wagons, etc.